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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

- ☐ the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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- ☐ the claims:

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- ☐ the drawings:

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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a radio resource control method, which makes it possible to control cell change procedures dynamically while the user equipment is in an idle state. This lowers the probability of a cell change while the user equipment is in a dedicated connection.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 6456858 B1
D2: WO 0209464 A1
D3: WO 9909777 A1
D4: GB 2331892 A

D1 discloses a radio resource control method in a mobile communication system comprising a serving cell formed by a neighbour base station, at least one neighbour cell formed by a neighbour base station, and user equipment capable of receiving signals from said base stations, (fig.1). The user equipment camps in an idle state on the serving cell, and receives control information for controlling cell change procedures of the user equipment from the serving cell to a target cell, (col.2 lines 54-60). The cell change is performed based on the received control information.

D2 deals with quality measurements before a handover and D3 with a method for improved cell selection for multi-mode radio stations in the idle state.

D4 discloses how signal strength (quality) is measured for serving and neighbour cells. The measured cells are ranked and selected as target cells based on the ranking, (abstract).

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: BOX V

The claimed invention differs from the subject-matter of D1 by the fact that the radio resource control is adjusted according to a predetermined time pattern. The time pattern comprises time elements which have a characteristic profile in terms of the state of the mobile communication system, i. e. the rush hour, the time of a mass event or a holiday season.

Since none of the cited documents reveals this feature, the claimed invention fulfils the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.